



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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SFWMD to Deploy Emergency Pumps

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is working to deploy temporary pumps to boost the ongoing emergency effort to move water from record-setting rainfall out of flooded Water Conservation Area 3 in Miami-Dade and Broward counties and into Everglades National Park. SFWMD is utilizing the S-152 water control structure within the conservation area, which helps move more water out of the area through the temporary emergency pumps.

With support from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the pumps will send at minimum an additional 129 million gallons of water a day out of the conservation area. These operations will work in concert with maximum gate openings at the S-333 structure along the Tamiami Trail that are already moving about 850 million gallons a day to relieve the extraordinary natural phenomena impacting Everglades wildlife.

Since flood gate openings were maximized in February, more than 11 billion gallons of clean water have been moved from the conservation area through the L-29 Canal and into Northeast Shark River Slough in the park.

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The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages water resources in the southern part of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts.

Our mission is to protect South Florida's water resources by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems.